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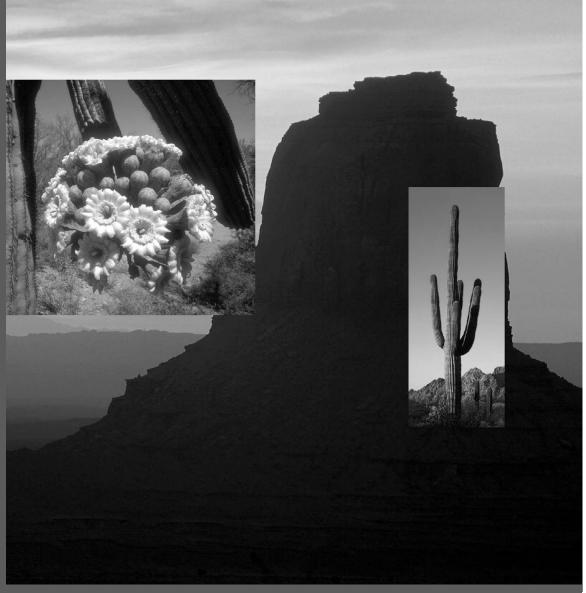
Guide to Test Interpretation

Arizona's

Instrument to Measure Standards AIMS DPA



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Explanation of Examinations and Scoring

This *Guide to Test Interpretation* provides an overview of reporting for Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards Dual Purpose Assessment (AIMS DPA). It is intended to help educators apply test report data to the needs of individual students and the district as a whole.

The Purpose of Testing

One of the principal purposes of a school testing program is to provide teachers with information to help students learn. Testing, or assessment, plays a vital role in today's education environment. Assessment results often are a major force in shaping public perceptions about the capabilities of our students and the quality of our schools. As a primary tool for educators and policymakers, assessment is used for many important purposes. Assessment results are used to help improve teaching and learning and to evaluate programs and schools. Assessment is also used to generate the data upon which policy decisions are made. Because of the important functions it performs, educational assessment is a fundamental activity in every school, district, and state. It is a vital complement to innovation, higher standards, and educational excellence.

AIMS DPA is the result of many years of intense effort and collaboration among teachers, administrators, and the Arizona Department of Education.

AIMS DPA is used to test Arizona students in Grades 3 through 8. This assessment measures the student's level of proficiency in Writing, Reading, and Mathematics and provides each student's national percentile rankings in Reading/Language and Mathematics.

AIMS DPA combines 20 to 30 Norm Referenced Test (NRT) items with AIMS standards-based items into one test form. AIMS DPA provides separate NRT and AIMS scores, while reducing the total number of items by approximately 40 percent.

How Results Are Measured

Students are tested on the Writing, Reading, and Mathematics Standards. Each standard uses the format of levels—Strands, Concepts, and Performance Objectives. The Strands are identified subsets of a content area with Concepts attached to each Strand, and Performance Objectives attached to each Concept. Concepts are **broad statements** of what students should know and be able to accomplish. For example, in the Reading content area, one Concept is to employ strategies to comprehend text. Performance Objectives are specific **measurable statements** beginning with an action verb to identify what students should know and what skills they should be able to accomplish. For example, in the Mathematics content area, one Performance Objective is to solve problems involving perimeter of convex polygons.

These academic standards were developed by Arizona teachers for Arizona students. Further information about Writing, Reading, and Mathematics Standards; AIMS DPA testing; and assessment reports is available on the Arizona Department of Education Web site at http://www.ade.az.gov/standards.

Components of AIMS DPA

The following content areas are covered in AIMS DPA:

Writing

Basic and higher-order skills essential for effective written communication are combined in this test. These skills include writing compositions, using conventions of standard English (spelling, grammar, capitalization, and punctuation), and revising writing to improve expression. AIMS DPA Writing evaluates specific aspects of writing skills through the use of one extended-response writing prompt.

Reading

As students read fiction and nonfiction passages, interviews, editorials, and articles as part of AIMS DPA Reading, they answer questions assessing skills such as reading comprehension, identification of support for main ideas, application of multi-step directions, ability to make and support assertions, and analysis and evaluation of themes. Multiple-choice questions target specific skills.

Mathematics

Real-world topics engage students' interest, provide context, and encourage confidence in their ability to do mathematics. Procedures such as estimation and mental computation are interwoven throughout AIMS DPA Mathematics. Reading and interpreting graphs, and principles of geometry and measurement are also assessed.

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AIMS DPA Reading and Mathematics contain multiple-choice questions with four possible answer choices. These answers are machine-scored. The extended-response writing prompt allows students to demonstrate their skills in more complex levels of thinking and is scored by a professional staff experienced in providing reliable and consistent hand-scoring.

Using Results

AIMS DPA results and reports provide useful information for determining the performance of students in your school and classroom. This guide will also help you prepare for questions from parents, students, and other members of the educational community regarding AIMS DPA results.

Each report is designed to present clearly the information most useful to you, to parents, and to students. Each of the reports is listed below, showing the quantity a school or district will receive in each package.

AIMS DPA Report Information AIMS DPA School and District Packages School Summary Packages Package 1

Report	No. Copies
Summary Concept Performance Report—School	1
Demographic Report—School	1
NRT Summary Report—School	1
Confidential Roster Report Detail with Roster Report Summary—School	1
Confidential Roster Report Detail with Roster Report Summary—Group	2
Confidential Concept Performance Report—School	1
Confidential Concept Performance Report—Group	1

Package 2

Report	No. Copies
Summary Report—School	1

School Student Packages

Package 1

Report	No. Copies
Student Report—School	1
Student Longitudinal Report—School	1

Package 2

Report	No. Copies
Student Report—School	1
Student Longitudinal Report—School	1

District Packages Package 1

Report	No. Copies
Summary Concept Performance Report—District	2
Summary Concept Performance Report—School	2
Demographic Report—District	2
Demographic Report—School	1
NRT Summary—District	2
NRT Summary—School	1
Confidential Roster Report Detail with Roster Report Summary—School	1

Package 2

Report	No. Copies
Summary Report—District	2
Summary Report—School	1
Student Data File—Group	1 on CD

Sample Reports

Information Included on All Reports

- The name of the test assessment series always appears here for easy identification.
- B The name of the report is presented here. In this example, it is the Demographic Report.
- This area of the report is reserved for the name of the individual or group taking the assessment.
- The grade level of the individual or group is always included on the report. Each report contains results for one grade level.
- E The purpose of AIMS DPA is stated here.

The lower part of the left panel of each report provides more specific information about the test and the student or group, and may include the following:

- F The test date.
- G The District-School Number and the name of the School, District, and County as appropriate to the level being reported.

Note: Although the individual Sample Reports featured in this document may reflect the results from a single AIMS DPA content area, similar reports are generated for all AIMS DPA content areas.

Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards Dual Purpose Assessment **Demographic Report** С District: ANYDISTRICT D Grade: 4 Ε Purpose The AIMS-DPA is administered to students in third through eighth grade to determine their knowledge and understanding of the AIMS Academic Standards in reading, writing, and mathematics. The AIMS-DPA also compares a student's performance nationally. The data derived from the AIMS-DPA is used to guide instruction and measure school performance. Test Date: 04/03/06 F Dist#: XXXXX G County: MARICOPA Page 1

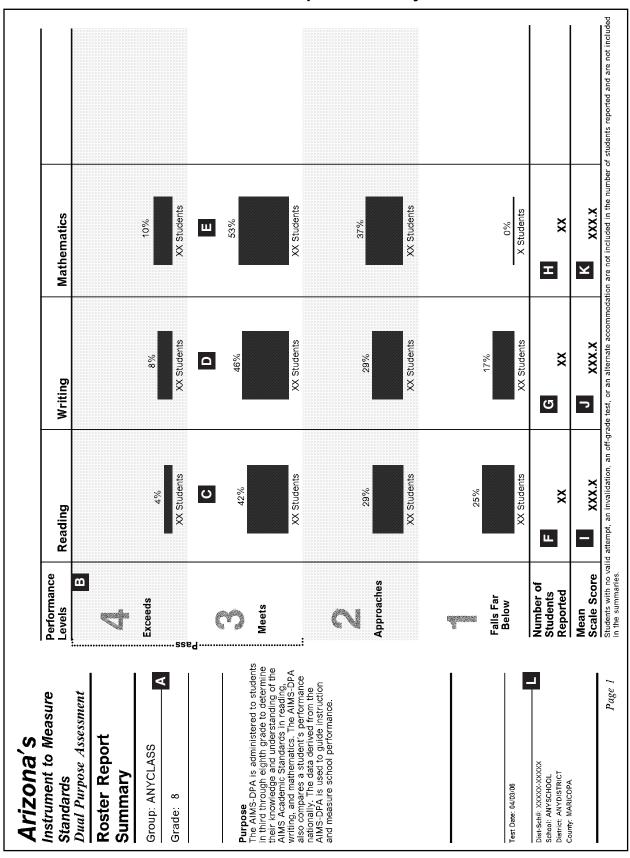
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Highlights of the Confidential Roster Report Detail

- A Identifies the group and grade. Note: This report is generated at the group and school levels—the sample shown on the previous page is for the group.
- **B** Lists students alphabetically within the group for the grade tested.
- Provides each student's AIMS Scale Score, AIMS Performance Level, and *TerraNova* National Percentile for the Reading/Language and Mathematics content areas.
- Indicates the test date and identifies the District-School Number, School, District, and County.

Confidential Roster Report Detail with Roster Report Summary (Roster Report Summary)



Highlights of the Roster Report Summary

- A Identifies the group and grade. Note: This report is generated at the group and school levels—the sample shown on the previous page is for the group.
- Identifies the four performance levels ("Exceeds," "Meets," "Approaches," and "Falls Far Below"), showing "Exceeds" and "Meets" as passing.
- Provides and visually depicts the percentage and number of students in the four performance levels within the Reading content area.
- Provides and visually depicts the percentage and number of students in the four performance levels within the Writing content area.
- Provides and visually depicts the percentage and number of students in the four performance levels within the Mathematics content area.
- Indicates the number of students reported for the Reading content area.
- Indicates the number of students reported for the Writing content area.
- H Indicates the number of students reported for the Mathematics content area.
- Indicates the mean scale score for the Reading content area.
- Indicates the mean scale score for the Writing content area.
- K Indicates the mean scale score for the Mathematics content area.
- Indicates the test date and identifies the District-School Number, School, District, and County.

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- **B** Shows the demographic categories.
- Indicates the number of students tested in the district as a whole and in each demographic category.
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- Provides the number and percentage of student scores within each performance level for the district as a whole and for each demographic category.
- Provides the number and percentage of students with passing scores for the district as a whole and for each demographic category.
- Indicates the mean scale score for the district as a whole and for each demographic category.
- Indicates the test date and identifies the District-School Number and the County.

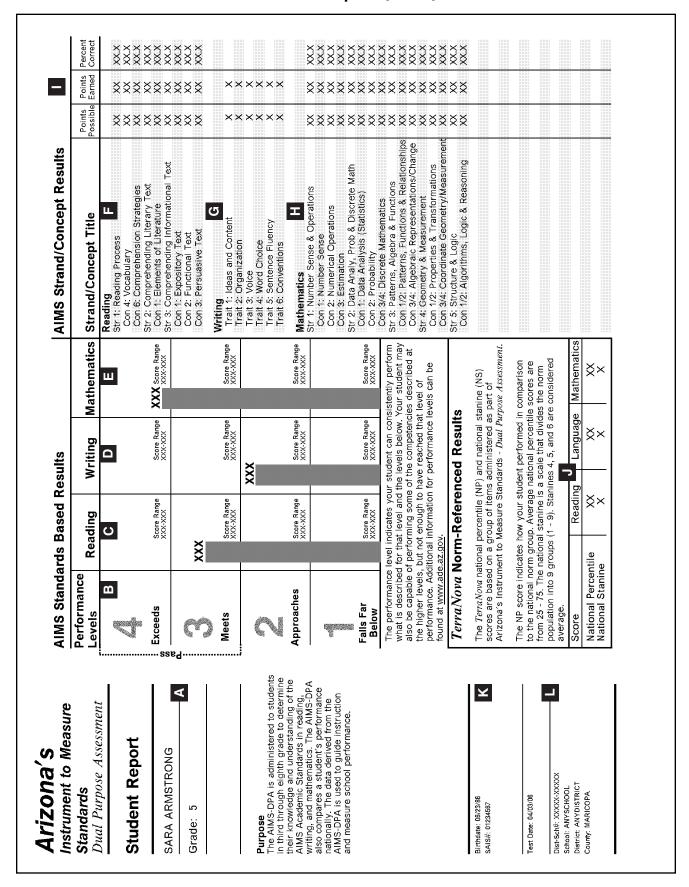
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Highlights of the Demographic Report (Page 2)

- A Identifies the district and grade.
- **B** Shows the demographic categories.
- Indicates the number of students tested in the district as a whole and in each demographic category.
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- Provides the number and percentage of student scores within each performance level for the district as a whole and for each demographic category.
- Provides the number and percentage of students with passing scores for the district as a whole and for each demographic category.
- Indicates the mean scale score for the district as a whole and for each demographic category.
- Indicates the test date and identifies the District-School Number and the County.

Student Report (Front)



Highlights of the Student Report (Front)

- A Identifies the student and the student's grade.
- Identifies the four performance levels ("Exceeds," "Meets," "Approaches," and "Falls Far Below"), showing "Exceeds" and "Meets" as passing.
- Provides and illustrates with a bar graph the student's performance level within the performance level range in the Reading content area.
- Provides and illustrates with a bar graph the student's performance level within the performance level range in the Writing content area.
- Provides and illustrates with a bar graph the student's performance level within the performance level range in the Mathematics content area.
- Identifies the strands and concepts in the Reading content area.
- G Identifies the six traits of effective writing in the Writing content area.
- H Identifies the strands and concepts in the Mathematics content area.
- Indicates the points possible, points earned, and percent correct for each of the strands and concepts within the Reading and Mathematics content areas, and indicates the points possible and points earned for each of the traits within the Writing content area.
- Provides the student's national percentile and national stanine scores in the Reading, Language, and Mathematics content areas.
- K Identifies the student's birth date and The Student Accountability Information System (SAIS) Number.
- Indicates the test date and identifies the District-School Number, School, District, and County.

Levels	Reading	Writing	Mathematics
Exceeds	Students who score in this level illustrate a superior academic performance as evidenced by achievement that is substantially beyond the goal for all students. Students who perform at this level demonstrate strong analytical and interential skills in comprehending more challenging text. They are able to evaluate author's effectiveness, differentiate fact from opinion, and draw defensible conclusions based upon evidence from the text.	Students who score in this level illustrate a superior academic performance as evidenced by achievement that is substantially beyond the goal for all students. Students who perform at this level demonstrate the ability to identify and apply good written communications by writing an exceptionally clear, focused, and interesting piece, using precise and varied words, engaging the audience and communicating a strong sense of purpose, and making few errors in conventions.	Students who score in this level illustrate a superior academic performance as evidenced by achievement that is substantially beyond the goal for all students. Students who perform at this level demonstrate a wealth of knowledge, skills, and abilities in fulfillment of the math standard. They can divide decimals, simplify fractions, add and subtract proper fractions, mixed numbers and decimals, identify attributes of circles, and distinguish between congruent and similar figures.
Meets	Students who score in this level demonstrate a solid academic performance on subject matter as reflected by the reading standard. Students who perform at this level are able to effectively apply reading strategies to comprehend text. They will be able to identify themes, analyze implied ideas and concepts, and interpret figurative language. Recognition of author's use of persuasive language and techniques also characterizes this level.	Students who score in this level demonstrate a solid academic performance on subject matter as reflected by the writing standard. Students who perform at this level are able to identify elements of good communication and apply basic rules of conventions. They can express a clear main idea, organize with a beginning, middle, and end, sequence logically with effective transitions, utilize a variety of descriptive words, and demonstrate consistent control of writing mechanics.	Students who score in this level demonstrate a solid academic performance on subject matter as reflected by the math standard. Students who perform at this level are able to solve multi-step word problems, eaveluate simple algebraic expressions with one variable, and determine equivalency among fractions, decimals, and percents in contextual situations. They can recognize congruent angles, classify triangles, and apply formulas to find area and perimeter.
Approaches	Students who score in this level show partial understanding of the knowledge and application of the skills that are fundamental for proficient work. Students who perform at this level show a basic understanding of text, fiction, and non-fiction. They can identify genre, settling, main characters, and the author's purpose. Students are able to recall specific information and draw conclusions from simple texts. Some gaps in knowledge and skills are evident and may require additional instruction and remediation in order to achieve a satisfactory level of understanding.	Students who score in this level show partial understanding of the knowledge and application of the skills that are fundamental for proficient work. Students who perform at this level show the ability to use some of the basic elements of written communication by demonstrating limited awareness of writing purpose, attempting to organize and sequence, constructing simple sentences with words relevant to the topic, and showing a basic understanding of grammar and usage. Some agos in knowledge and skills are evident and may require additional instruction and remediation in order to achieve a satisfactory level of understanding.	Students who score in this level show partial understanding of the knowledge and application of the skills that are fundamental for proficient work. Students who perform at this level show some understanding of the math standard's concepts and procedures by identifying factors of positive whole numbers, solving one-step equations with one variable, extending and completing patterns, identify regular polygons, and locate points on coordinate grids. Some gaps in knowledge and skills are evident and may require additional instruction and remediation in order to achieve a satisfactory level of understanding.
Falls Far Below	Students who score in this level may have significant gaps and limited knowledge and skills that are necessary to satisfactorily meet the state's reading standard. Students will usually require a considerable amount of additional instruction and remediation in order to achieve a satisfactory level of understanding.	Students who score in this level may have significant gaps and limited knowledge and skills that are necessary to satisfactorily meet the state's writing standard. Students will usually require a considerable amount of additional instruction and remediation in order to achieve a satisfactory level of understanding.	Students who score in this level may have significant gaps and limited knowledge and skills that are necessary to satisfactorily meet the state's math standard. Students will usually require a considerable amount of additional instruction and remediation in order to achieve a satisfactory level of understanding.

Highlights of the Student Report (Back)

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Student Longitudinal Report (Front)

Arizona's

Instrument to Measure Standards

Dual Purpose Assessment

Student Longitudinal Report

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Dear Parents/Guardians: B

State of Arizona

and state guidelines for school accountability, the state of Arizona assesses students enrolled in Testing and assessment play a critical role in today's education environment. To meet federal public schools each year. Arizona students in Grades 3 through 8 are tested using Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards - Dual Purpose Assessment (AIMS DPA)

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contact your child's school. Additional information about the Arizona Academic Standards and If you have questions or concerns about your student's performance on the AIMS DPA, please performance level indicators can be found on the Arizona Department of Education website at www.ade.az.gov.

Sincerely,

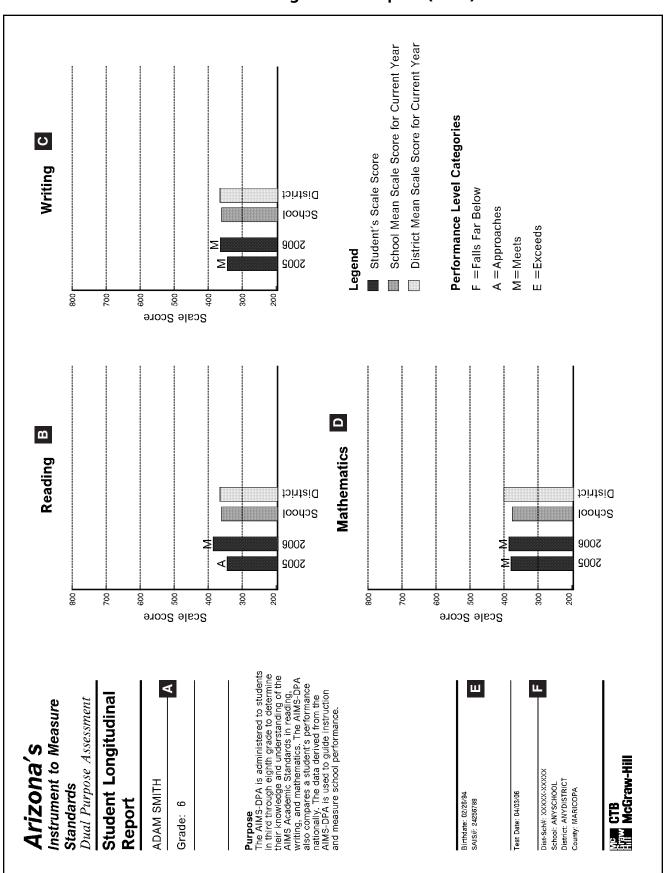
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Tom Horne Superintendent of Public Instruction

Highlights of the Student Longitudinal Report (Front)

- A Identifies the student and the student's grade.
- **B** Features a letter to parents/guardians.
- c Identifies the student's birth date and Student Accountability Information System (SAIS) Number.
- Indicates the test date and identifies the District-School Number, School, District, and County.

Student Longitudinal Report (Back)



Highlights of the Student Longitudinal Report (Back)

- A Identifies the student and the student's grade.
- Provides and illustrates with a bar graph a comparison of the student's scale scores and performance levels for 2005 and 2006; and provides the school mean scale score, and the district mean scale score within the Reading content area for the current school year.
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- Provides and illustrates with a bar graph a comparison of the student's scale scores and performance levels for 2005 and 2006; and provides the school mean scale score, and the district mean scale score within the Mathematics content area for the current school year.
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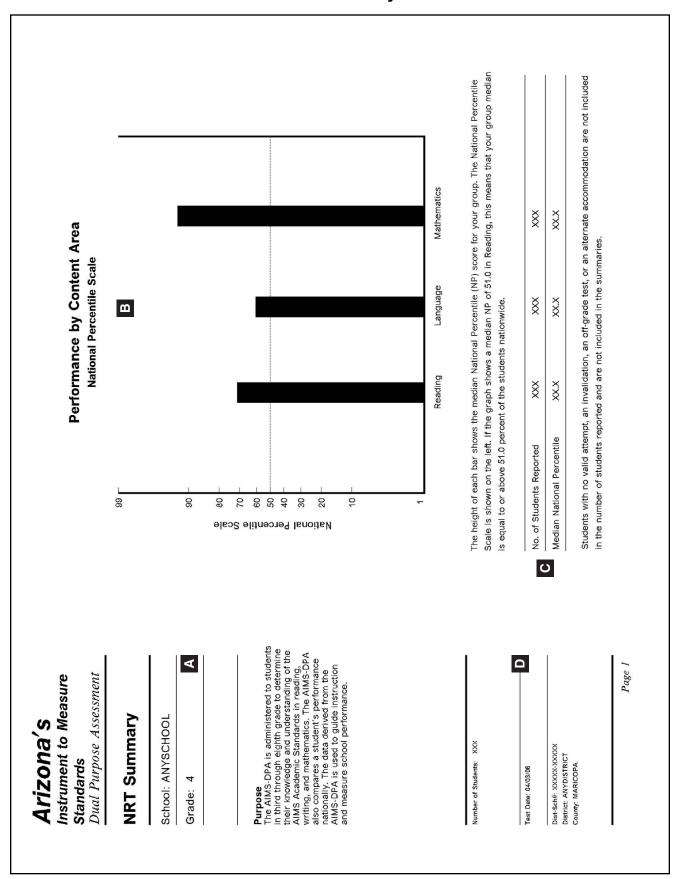
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- A Identifies the district and grade. Note: This report is generated at the school, district, and county levels—the sample shown on the previous page is for the district.
- Identifies the state, county, and district, as well as the schools that participated in the assessment.
- c Indicates the number of students tested by state, county, district, and school.
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- Provides the number and percentage of student scores in the four performance levels by state, county, district, and school; and indicates the mean scale score for the state, county, district, and school.
- Provides the Norm-Referenced scores, showing the mean Normal Curve Equivalent (NCE) and the median National Percentile (NP) for *TerraNova* Language.
- Indicates the test date and identifies the District-School Number and County.

NRT Summary



Highlights of the NRT Summary Report

- A Identifies the school and grade. Note: This report is generated at the school, district, county, and state levels—the sample shown on the previous page is for the school.
- Provides and illustrates with a bar graph, the median National Percentile (NP) scores for the school by content areas of Reading, Language, and Mathematics.
- Indicates the number of students reported and the median National Percentile (NP) for the content areas of Reading, Language, and Mathematics.
- Indicates the number of students tested and the test date; and identifies the District-School Number, District, and County. Note: The number of students tested as referenced here differs from the Number of Students Reported (C) in that students with no valid attempt, an invalidation, an off-grade test, or an alternate accommodation are not included in the number of students reported and are not included in the report summaries.

Confidential Concept Performance Report

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- B Identifies the strands and concepts for the Reading content area.
- c Identifies the six traits of effective writing for the Writing content area.
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- Indicates the number of points possible for each strand and concept within the Reading and Mathematics content areas and for each trait within the Writing content area.
- Indicates the mean points for the group for each strand and concept within the Reading and Mathematics content areas and for each trait within the Writing content area.
- Provides the points earned by individual students, listed alphabetically, for each strand and concept within the Reading and Mathematics content areas and for each trait within the Writing content area.
- Indicates the number of students tested and the test date and identifies the District-School Number, District, and County.

Summary Concept Performance Report

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Glossary

Dual Purpose Assessment (DPA)

An assessment that combines 20 to 30 Norm Referenced Test (NRT) items with AIMS standards-based items into one test form. The DPA provides separate NRT and AIMS scores, while reducing the total number of items by approximately 40 percent.

Forms

Different versions of a test that measure the same standard.

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One of the assessment units, usually a problem or a question, in a test.

Mean

An average, calculated by adding the values of a set of scores and dividing by the number of scores in the set.

Multiple-Choice Item

A question or incomplete statement that is followed by answer choices, one of which is the correct or best answer. Also referred to as a Selected-Response Item.

National Percentile (NP)

The percentage of students in a norm group whose scores fall at or below a given score.

National Stanine (NS)

A scale that divides the scores of the norm population into nine groups (1–9). Stanines 4, 5, and 6 are considered average.

Norm Referenced Test (NRT)

A standardized assessment that compares a student or a group of students with a specified reference group, usually other students of the same grade or age.

Normal Curve Equivalent (NCE)

A norm-referenced score that contains the same information as percentiles but has the advantage of being based on an equal-interval scale. In other words, the difference between two successive scores on the NCE scale has the same meaning throughout the scale. The normal curve is represented on a scale of 1 through 99, with a mean of 50 and a standard deviation of approximately 21.

Off-Grade

A test administered at a grade other than the student's enrolled grade. This is not permitted in Arizona.

Performance Level

A score that measures a student's current acquired knowledge and skills in a particular content area (e.g., writing, reading, or mathematics).

Scale Score

Three-digit integers that provide a common metric for expressing student performance from different forms and, where applicable, different grades.

Selected-Response Item

A question or incomplete statement that is followed by answer choices, one of which is the correct or best answer. Also referred to as a Multiple-Choice Item.

Six-Trait Analytical Writing Rubric

A rubric that identifies and evaluates six traits, or characteristics, of effective writing on a six-point scale, with 6 as the highest score and 1 as the lowest. Student work produced for the AIMS DPA extended-response writing prompt is scored using this rubric.

Strand

Writing, Reading, and Mathematics are the three standards being assessed. Each content standard can be broken down into three levels:

Strand—an identified subset of a content area

Concept—a broad statement or description of the knowledge and skills in a particular content area

Performance Objective—a measurable statement of desired knowledge and skills presented as a goal for student attainment

Standardized Test

A test administered in accordance with explicit directions for uniform administration.



Arizona AIMS DPA Spring 2006 Administration Additional Scoring Services Order Form

1) Customer Information. All reports for the schools and the district are shipped to the "Ship To" address. Complete the "Bill To" field if the information is different from the "Ship To" information.

District Name:		District Number:		
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2) Additional Report Services. Additional reports are available after all contracted reports have been delivered. To order, complete the appropriate box(es) below. There is a \$125.00 setup fee associated with each report selected.

Additional Repo	rts			
Report Description	Grades	Number of Students	Price per Student	Total
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